Christmas balls herald holiday season

'Twas the Night Ball' will be staged Saturday by the Arcadia Juniors at the Altadena Town and Country Club. Velvet topiary decor, a traditonal tree and a glowing fireplace will create the festive mood. Leaving for ball are Messrs. and Mmes., from left, Ralph Condit, James Mercer and Russell Morgan. Tiny tots are Jeffrey Mercer and Vicky Condit.

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Noel Dansant, festive dinner dance for members and guests for Monrovia Guild to Childrens Hospital, will herald holiday social season tonight at Monrovia Woman's Clubhouse. Festive foursome committee members are, from left, Mmes. Wilbur Garber, Dansant chairman; Fred Dexter, Guild president; James Rush and Richard Young.

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Bethel 121 to install

Miss Candy Vance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vance, has been elected honored queen of Bethel 121. Arcadia and will be installed Saturday evening in ceremonies at the Arcadia Masonic Temple.

Candy has been active in Job's Daughters for four years, serving as senior princess this past term. She is a senior at Arcadia High School and is active on the girls' tennis team. She is secretary for the California Association of Student Councils, which encompasses 68 high schools in Southern California. She was corresponding secretary of the junior class and a member of Hostesses.

Others to be honored at the sixty-second installation of officers and choir of Bethel 121 are Margaret Andrews, senior princess-elect; Nancy Vance, junior princess-elect; Betsie Wolever, guide-elect; and Sharon Bishop, marshall-elect.

CANDY VANCE
new queen

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Arcadia Assistance League members and their husbands will attend Preview ceremonies this evening commemorating opening of their new Bargain Box. The shop is located at 16 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia and will feature nearly new items of all descriptions. Working feverishly for grand opening scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Monday are Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Baum, left, and Mrs. George Fleming. Mrs. Baum has chairmaned this new ways and means endeavor for the League. Shop will be open weekdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Chanteurs to perform at AAUW meeting

James Neumeister, director of the Arcadia High School Chanteurs, will present the group in a program of song at the general meeting of the Arcadia Branch, American Association of University Women, slated Monday at 8 p.m. in the Art and Lecture Room of the Arcadia Public Library.

Music for the holiday program will include "Carol of the Bells," "Twelve Days of Christmas," "Pan-a-Pan." The select group of 10 girls and nine boys in Chanteurs are Susie Andrews, Lea Balabanoff, Steve Bass, Jeff Bosacki, Amy Brewster, Norma Jean Cassat, Georgie Crum, Jerry Hansen, Sharon Jaenecke, Jim Mastrogani, Emy Nisson, Gail O'Donnell, Bruce Pierce, Jim Roebuck, Debbie Settle, David Spaulding, Mark Van Stone, Richard Viselli and Chris Wolt.

Neumeister, director of the Scottish Rite Men's Chorus, at the Mayflower Congregational Church in San Gabriel, received his AB and MA degrees in music from Occidental College.

Mrs. Arthur Reiter, program chairman is requesting members to bring gifts or money to be distributed by the Arcadia Thrift Shop.

Mrs. Joseph Quinn is chairman of the hostess committee for the December meeting. Assisting her are Mmes. Gerrit Doring, Larry Kaiser, Donald MacKenzie and Fred Nelson.

Boutique set

A Christmas Boutique and tea has been planned Sunday by the three Horizon Clubs in Arcadia.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Stragnell, 262 W. Lemon, Arcadia is the setting for the 1 until 4 p.m. event.

The three groups, who are members of the Santa Fe Trail Council, will serve homemade cookies, coffee, tea and punch while displaying their collection of handmade boutique items.

Horizon Clubs are organized for the teen-age girls of the Camp Fire program and those participating in this venture include Eluta Ki Ya from First Avenue Junior High, Mrs. H. M. Hill, adviser; Wa Pi Gin Ca of Dana Junior High, Mrs. E. E. Jenson, adviser and Ha Wee Aya of Arcadia High School, Mrs. A. W. Mc Clintock, adviser.

Among the fanciful edible array will be gingerbread men, nut breads, decorated Christmas Cookies and fudge.

Needle and thread items include aprons, felt tote bags, stuffed toys and leather coin or jack bags.

Employing their creative ability in the art and handicraft realm the girls have made Santa Claus candy dishes, painted rock paper weights, Christmas package decorations, candy cane holders for the tree, recipes and recipe holders, scented candles and decorated bottles of bubble bath and bath salts.

The entire community is invited to share in the event and view what has been accomplished by there three groups of teenagers.

Horizon Club members Janet Bates, from left, Diana Mies and Kathy Zoller are shown with items that will be available at Boutique Tea planned Sunday. The event will be held from 1 until 4 p.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Stragnell, 262 W. Lemon, Arcadia. Horizon groups participating are from Dana and First Avenue Junior Highs and Arcadia High School. The community is invited to attend.

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Families of local church to share holiday projects

The third Christmas family event shared by members of the congregation of the Church of the Good Shepherd has been planned from 3 until 5 p.m. Sunday, in the Fellowhip Hall.

The get-together entitled "Families Prepare for Christmas" provides members of the church family with the opportunity to share their Christmas preparations with others. Displays will be exhibited and family musical groups will perform during the afternoon. Refreshments will be made and served by the senior high MYF.

To climax the day families will complete the activities by attending a worship service in the Sanctuary. At this time they will bring tinned food gifts and other needed articles to be given to the Wesley Social Service Center. The ninth grade will present a drama and the junior high choir will sing. Fred Trevino, director of Christian Education is in charge of the program.

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The Rev. Fred Coots and his family will be a part of the special Sunday afternoon festivities at Church of the Good Shepherd. At this time families of the church will gather together to share in their preparations for Christmas. The group is assembled with a wall hanging they have created for the yuletide season. With Rev. Coots and his wife are daughters, from left, Mindy, Kathy and Jenni. He is the senior minister.

Christmas Meet slated

The Women's Fellowship and Evening Circle of Arcadia Congregational Church, will celebrate Christmas with a joint meeting at the Church at 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

A musical program entitled "Christmas in Song" will be given by Mmes. Richard Bowles, Harold Smith and Glenn Dunlap and Misses Patti-Anne Kuwaye and Linda Stewart, narrated by Mrs. David Wilson.

Robert Sandiford will sing folk carols to his own guitar accompaniment. Miss Hazel Nesbitt will lead the devotions and the evening will close with the group singing of carols.

Refreshments will be provided by members of the evening circle.

Section party set

The Philanthropy Section of Arcadianns will celebrate a successful year of service with a Christmas party Monday, at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Dewey Manning.

I naddition to the holiday festivities the group will plan their annual holiday trek to the LeRoy Boys Home in La Verne.

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The colorful "Pep Cats" of Monrovia High School took part in the city's Christmas parade on Monday. The award winning group is under the direction of Mrs. Cheryl Rinkin, physical education teacher. Officers are: Kathy Brklacich, head Pep Cat; Dena Helman and Debbie Hall, assistant Pep Cats; Donna Bransby, secretary; Terry Dickinson, treasurer; and Kathy Welch, historian. 43-member organization is a colorful addition to parade.

—News-Post Photos by Milton Bell

Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte, Monrovia included

Supervisors approve Valley general plan

Copley News Service

LOS ANGELES—The wheels for the future development of the West San Gabrial Valley were set in motion Thursday when the county Board of Supervisors adopted the area General Plan.

The plan was presented to the board by the Regional Planning Commission after extensive study and community review.

The action was taken on the recommendations of the commission, which approved the plan in August, and of the West San Gabriel Valley Planning Council, represented at Thursday's meeting by Mrs. Floretta Lauber, chairman.

The planning council was formed in 1967 by representatives from the area's 15 cities to discuss planning matters of mutual interest.

During the past year, the group assisted in the development of the General Plan, endorsed it and urged member cities to follow suit.

The 15 cities are:

Alhambra, Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte, El Monte, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena and Temple City.

Supervisor Frank G. Bonelli said the cities helped to formulate the plan by contributing ideas and their community plans.

Fourteen of the cities have endorsed the plan in principle through city council action. The fifteenth, San Marino, is considering similar action.

The general plan is a tool for coordinating the planning policies and programs of the cities and other agencies whose decisions affect the future of the area, Bonelli said.

The plan is a guide, not a piece of legislation, it was stressed.

Adoption of the plan culminates the Regional Planning Commissions West San Gabriel Valley Study, which had three main objectives:

1. To analyze environmental conditions in the area.
2. To formulate a guide for growth.
3. To aid in coordinating the planning activities in the area.

Results of the study will be published and will be made available to the public early next year in two reports, the Background Report and the area General Plan.

Here are some major points

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Strange case in England

Girls kill for 'pleasure'

NEWCASTLE, England (UPI) — According to the prosecutor, Mary Bell, 11, and Norma Bell, 13, strangled Brian Howe, 3, and Martin Brown, 4, for "pleasure and excitement."

"I have probably said sufficient to indicate that this case is of a very exceptional nature, possibly one without precedent," prosecutor Rudolph Lyons said in opening the trial Thursday. It continued today.

"These girls are charged with two murders within the space of just over two months, murders commited by asphyxiation solely for the pleasure and excitement afforded by killing," Lyons said.

"Norma has given the police, after many preliminary untruths, a detailed and vivid account of how she watched Mary strangle one boy and how she went with Mary on two subsequent occasions to see the dead body and watched Mary then mark the body with a razor blade and a pair of scissors and cut off some of the boy's hair," Lyons added.

Mary, no kin to Norma, was described by Lyons as "cleverer and more dominant personality, a girl with remarkable knowledge of the world."

"Mary," Lyons told the jury, "has given an equally detailed and dramatic account of how she watched Norma strangle the boy, how she returned with Norma to the dead body where she saw Norma cut the dead body and cut the boy's hair."

Martin was found strangled in a vacant house May 25 in this northern English industrial town. Brian was found strangled in a vacant lot July 31, his body covered with grass and flowers.

Police said the girls, when questioned, first tried to blame a third boy for the crimes and then blamed each other.

Lyons said the weekend Martin died a day nursery had been broken into and four notes were left behind. The notes referred to Martin's murder and one said, "We murder; watch out." The prosecutor said Norma and Mary wrote the notes.

Sirhan trial

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Judge grants delay until Jan. 7

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LOS ANGELES — As expected, the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan today was postponed from next Monday to Jan. 7 to allow his new attorney time to familiarize himself with the case.

Grant B. Cooper, who publicly joined the defense team for the man accused of slaying Sen. Robert K. Kennedy, requested the delay in the special 13th floor mini-court where previous Superior Court proceedings have been held, with tight security continuing.

Judge Herbert V. Walker, presiding over the case, granted the delay over the objections of the prosecution, which stated it was ready to go to trial Monday.

In the 13-minute session, Russell E. Parsons, Sirhan's lawyer from the beginning, asked the judge to approve Cooper's association in the defense.

Judge Walker asked Sirhan if he approved, and the defendant replied: "Very much so, sir."

Cooper then explained he was first approached by A. L. Wirin, counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, within a week after the shooting of Senator Kennedy on June 5.

Wirin asked Cooper to defend Sirhan at that time, but Cooper said he first had to check with a client he was defending in the Friars Club card cheating case, Maurice Friedman.

Friedman had no objection so long as Cooper's association with Sirhan did not become known until after the Friars case was settled, which it finally was last week.

However, Cooper told Wirin he would defend Sirhan if the proper continuances could be obtained to allow him to finish the Friars case.

Sirhan then sent Cooper a letter retaining him as defense counsel.

Cooper told the court the delay was needed until Jan. 7, a Tuesday, instead of Jan. 6, a Monday, because a third attorney, Emile Zola Berman of New York, would be joining the defense team and could not be free until the later date.

Cooper assured the court that Berman's association would cause no further request for continuance.

Deputy District Attorney John E. Howard objected to the delay, but Judge Walker granted it after getting a verbal waiver of the right to speedy trial from Sirhan.

The judge said he had been aware for some time that Cooper would be coming into the case, and he saw no reason not to give him proper time to prepare.

The judge set the beginning of the trial for 9:30 a.m. Jan. 7 in Dept. 107, Superior Court, an eighth-floor courtroom in the Hall of Justice.

Judge Walker then explained there would be only 75 seats available for everyone in the courtroom, with 30 to 40 set aside for the press depending on the stage of the trial.

Norris to head data system in the Valley area

Samuel R. Norris, 39, has been named as the first manager of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Data System and will take over his new duties on January 6.

According to City Manager Gifford Miller of Monrovia, one of the cities included in the system, Norris is highly qualified and is a wise choice for the important position.

He is presently finance director for the City of Monterey Park and has worked for Covina and the Los Angeles City Housing Authority.

He is also a part-time instructor at USC in the school of public administration.

Other cities in the system, in addition to Monrovia, are Arcadia, Claremont, Covina, La Puente, Montclair, Monterey Park, Ontario, Pomona, San Dimas, Sierra Madre and Westminster.

The system is expected to be in full operation and providing service to member cities by February, 1971.

The system is the first of its kind in the United States.

The development stage is being financed by a grant of $210,000 from the Carnegie Foundation.

Utility billing, general accounting and police statistics will be provided to member cities by the system.

Pope to broadcast Christmas message

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Paul VI will broadcast his Christmas message to the world this year at 2 p.m. EST Friday, Dec. 20, the Vatican announced today.

Where's the fire?

ARCADIA — The Arcadia Fire Department answered the following calls between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. today:

Thursday at 12:43 p.m. — 1043 Portola Drive. Resuscitator call.

Weather & Index

Thursday's high at the News-Post weather station was 80. Low was 41. Temperature at 11 a.m. today was 71.

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Auto dealers blast 'repair risk' charges

By ANDREW KNOX
News-Post Staff Writer

Three San Gabriel Valley new car dealers strongly disagree Thursday that their services were not excellent.

The rebuttal was sounded against charges that most auto repairs are a "risk" as told to the Senate Antitrust Committee in a hearing this week in Washington, D. C.

The dealers are Robert Wegge of Wegge Motors, 139 Huntington Drive; and Phil Scott of Becherer Buick, 840 Huntington Drive, both of Monrovia. The third dealer is Clare Hoke of Huntington Ford, 55 Huntington Drive, Arcadia.

"We can't afford not to give good repair services," Scott said. "If a mechanic has to do work on a car twice, he doesn't get paid the second time.

"Our mechanics have $2,000 invested in their own tools so they can do the work faster and get more jobs.

"If he has to do a job this week, that he did last week, he's losing money.

"We don't charge people for finding out what's wrong with their car.

"Sometimes we spend an hour on a car just doing that.

"If a person doesn't want their car fixed after we've found the trouble, we return the car without charge."

Hoke said the manufacturer is also interested in good services.

"We are going to expand our business, but before we could we had to show the manufacturer that we were also going to improve our service department.

"We had to have enough space for stalls when cars are brought in for repairs.

"The manufacturer is interested in something more than selling new cars."

Wegge said his first program as a dealer is customer service.

"We must please the customer, and if he has a complaint, we must send a written report to the factory.

"Even when the complaint is against our service."

Additional charges in the subcommittee hearing were that dealers are pressured by the manufacturers to sell more new cars.

The three car dealers agreed that most people who buy a new car do not read their warranty. One dealer said salesman probably

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The New York City Opera comes to life in full color on the stage during a performance in Los Angeles. The opera which runs through tonight is brought to city by Southern California Symphony-Hollywood Bowl Assn.